

HOUSE BILL 1567

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15,
Chapter 2, relative to Tennessee Manufacturing
Day.

WHEREAS, manufacturing is critical to the health of Tennessee's economy, with this State's manufacturers accounting for more than \$45 billion in total economic output; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing companies employ around 168,000 Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee manufacturing industry is committed to recognizing and celebrating the contributions of manufacturing to our everyday lives, sharing the message of how manufacturing contributes to our strong economy through the production of goods, job creations, and growth in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is one of the nation's leaders in manufacturing, as manufacturers in Tennessee account for 15.32% of the total output in the state, and employ 11.47% of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Day celebrations may take place throughout the month of October; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Tennessee Manufacturing Association strive to increase the awareness of all Tennessee manufacturing companies by focusing on how manufacturing improves our communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Manufacturers and the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Tennessee Manufacturing Association) designated the first Friday in October as the kick-off for a season of celebration in support of the manufacturing community and to educate the public about opportunities in the industry; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The first Friday in October of each year is designated as "Tennessee Manufacturing Day," to promote manufacturing and highlight the benefits of manufacturing to our state and nation. This day is not a legal holiday as defined in § 15-1-101.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.